

have the jury in charge, to make the assessment required by their oath and return the same under their hands and seals, in writing, to the said constable, who shall make a minute of his proceedings under the warrant of the mayor of said town; and the said warrant, with a proper return written on the same, and his minute, and the verdict of the jury and the proceedings of the same, he shall return to the mayor of said town, who shall file the same in his office, and upon the payment or tender of payment by the commissioners aforesaid to the owner or owners of the land required for any street as aforesaid, of the damages done by the closing of such streets as aforesaid, or the damage to such owner or owners assessed as aforesaid, it shall be and may be lawful and right, and said commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to cause such street or streets to be opened and kept opened, closed or kept closed, and the same shall forever thereafter be possessed and vested in such commissioners; and it shall be the duty of said constable to give to the owner or owners of any land required for any of the aforesaid purposes, and to the tenants in possession of said lands at least ten days' notice of the time when such lands owned or possessed by them shall be viewed, and when the assessment as aforesaid shall be made by the jury as herein before provided. It shall be the duty of said commissioners to give ten days' notice of the opening, straightening, widening or closing of any street so established by them as aforesaid, by posting the same in writing at four public places in said town; any person or persons who shall not make claim for compensation for the use of land belonging to him or them by straightening, widening or closing such street six months after the same shall have been opened, straightened, or widened or closed in manner aforesaid, and after ten days' notice as aforesaid, shall be forever barred of any right to such compensation, unless the owner or owners of such land shall be infants, absent from the State, *non compos mentis*, or *femme covert*, in which case, such owner or owners shall have the right to make such claim at any time within one